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WEALDSTONE lose to Solihull and Wrexham



Wrexham beat Wealdstone with a 95th minute winning strike

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Back-to-back defeats keep the pressure on

LOIS Maynard scored a late winner for 10-man Solihull Moors in a 2-1 success against Wealdstone.

The hosts took the lead in the sixth minute when Andrew Dallas got a toe to Harry Boyes' shot to divert it past goalkeeper George Wickens.

Lowly Wealdstone equalised in the 22nd minute as Jerome Okimo steered in a corner, and the visitors' hopes of taking at least a point increased in the 61st minute when Mark Ellis was shown a red card.

But it was the hosts who found the winner in the 81st minute when Maynard applied the finishing touch to lift Moors up to fourth in the National League

By Ryan Gray

table.

It was Stones' second 2-1 defeat in just a few days as Wrexham boss Phil Parkinson celebrated his 700th game in management with a dramatic victory by the same scoreline in a game in which Wealdstone ended up with a numerical disadvantage on the pitch.

Rhys Browne converted a 71st-minute penalty – after he was upended by Wrexham goalkeeper Rob Lainton – to put Wealdstone ahead.

Wealdstone keeper George

Wickens produced two excellent saves to deny Luke Young and Jordan Davies either side of the spot-kick before the game swung four minutes from time.

Jack Cook was sent off for handball and after Davies' resulting free-kick had smacked the bar, the same player curled the rebound into the top corner.

Then in the fifth minute of stoppage time, Reece Hall-Johnson fired home the winner through a crowded penalty area to keep Wrexham in the final play-off position.

After the defeat to Solihull, manager Stuart Maynard said he felt his team deserved to have got something for their perfor-

mance.

"I think we dominated from minute one," he told the club YouTube channel.

"But in the key areas, in both boxes, we were poor tonight. We conceded after three minutes and we said to the lads at half time, it's not good enough. We can't keep conceding sloppy goals.

"Obviously it's hard for us to see the second goal, the winning goal, how it went in up there and whose man it is and stuff like that is something we need to watch back on the video.

"It's frustrating because at the worst we should be coming away with a point."

Boro sign ex-Toon forward

NEYMAR AND RONALDO
 DOUBLE JOINS HARROW



Yasin Ben El-Mhanni

Picture: Action Images

HARROW Borough have announced the signing of former Newcastle United attacker Yasin Ben El-Mhanni.

The 26-year-old originally started his career in the Godfrey Torte academy side before he played for both Farnborough and Lewes.

A selection of videos on YouTube of El-Mhanni performing skills attracted worldwide interest, leading to the player working as a double for the likes of Neymar and Cristiano Ronaldo in television commercials.

After a number of Premier League clubs showed interest and arranged trials, he eventually signed for Newcastle July 2016.

He went on to make two first team appearances for the Magpies, both of which came from the substitute's bench in FA Cup fixtures.

Two years later, in October 2018, the Moroccan signed for League Two side Scunthorpe United, where he made eight appearances and scored his first professional goal in a 3-2 defeat to Mansfield Town.

He has since played for Chesham United.

El-Mhanni is not the only fresh face to be joining up with the Boro first team, with under 23 player Richie Mbele signing Southern League forms to enable him to make the step up from the academy to the senior squad.

A statement on the club website reads: "Richie has had terrific season with Godfrey Torte's side. He becomes the second player to step up to the first team following goalkeeper Lovre Drazic.

"Mbele has previously played for AFC Wimbledon Academy sides."